

VICTIM JUSTICE SECTION

EXTENDED FORENSIC INTERVIEW PROGRAM

Program Description

The purpose of the Extended Forensic Evaluation (EFE) Program is to identify forensic interviewers to be trained on the EFE model; conduct extended forensic evaluations on children when appropriate; and collect data and track case information to determine the efficiency and efficacy of the EFE model. Extended forensic evaluations are recommended for alleged child abuse victims when an initial forensic interview is inconclusive but concerns remain about abuse occurring; when information gathered during the initial forensic interview requires additional clarification; when the alleged victim has disclosed to some other person but not during the forensic interview; and when concerning behaviors or other indicators are strongly suggestive of abuse.

Eligibility

Nonprofit 501(c) (3) agencies conducting multidisciplinary child forensic interviews with the ability to implement the program and achieve the objectives.

Authorized By

The California Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force and the California State Legislature

Fund Source and Amount

Federal CJA - \$200,000

The CJA is supported by the Federal Crime Victim's Fund, an amalgamation of fines and fees collected from defendants convicted of federal crimes

Grant Award Period

January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

Next Competitive/Non-Competitive Application Due Date

Non-Competitive - November 2008

Additional Program Information

It is anticipated that child abuse victims who may not have disclosed their abuse within the traditional one-time forensic interview meeting, will have a safe environment in which to disclose the abuse which will lead to improved investigations and prosecutions of child abuse cases

How Do I Get More Information

This program is administered by the Victim Justice Section of the Victim and Children's Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 324-9120.